



## Evanston Youth Club

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## GETTING TO KNOW "THE CLUB"

## WHAT IS THE EVANSTON YOUTH CLUB

The Evanston Youth Club provides after school and summer programs for middle and high school students. Students are provided transportation from school and home. While at "The Club" youth can participate in a variety of activities, get homework help, food, learn life skills, and have a safe and positive place to be.



## WHAT WE DO:

At the Evanston Youth Club we build character through everyday leadership and guidance in behavior and attitude.

Young people of all ethnicities join together in wholesome recreation and activities. We take pride in providing effective and successful youth development programs, and serving the needs of our youth each and every day.



## OUR MISSION:

To enable all youth to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.



## WHO RUNS THE CLUB

The Evanston Youth Club is governed by a dedicated Board of Directors.

**CEO & Director:** Holly Slade-West

**Board President:** Kevin Kallas

**Vice President:** Dave Huggins

**Board Treasurer:** Loretta R Howieson-Kallas

**Board Member:** Wendy Schuler

**Board Member:** Amelia Rutner

**Board Member:** Jesse Lind

**Board Member:** Mark Anderson

**Board Member:** David Welling

## Club Staff:

**Resource & Marketing:** Jennifer Barker

**Youth Development Professionals:**

Emileigh Hillstead, Jarom Hutchinson, Alex Gomez, & Seanna Ellingford

**Support Staff:** Manuela Bustillos

To find out more about our board and staff visit our website at [theclubofevanston.org](http://theclubofevanston.org)

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: What do kids do at the club?** **A:** After school youth have free time, enrichment, homework help, and snack. After snack they can choose to participate in 3 different activities. The activities change from day to day and range from physical activity in the gym or outside to cooking, art, career readiness, professionals in training (PIT), STEM, character building, and learning healthy lifestyles.

**Q: What age of kids can come?** **A:** Our programs are for students in 6th grade through 12th grade. Middle school students make up the majority of enrolled members.

**Q: Do kids have to pay to come?** **A:** EYC believes all youth should be able to participate in our programs so we do not charge to attend; however, a \$50 annual school-year membership fee is suggested. In lieu of the membership fee youth are asked to provide service. Due to increased costs of summer camp, the membership is higher, but over 75% of youth receive scholarships to attend. The actual average cost per child the club pays is nearly \$2,000 per year.

**Q: Where are you located?** **A:** We are located at "The Dana" on 6th Street in the big white metal building between the skate park and tennis courts.

**Q: Are you a non-profit?** **A:** Yes we are a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. All donations benefit our programs to support youth and are tax deductible.

**Q: How are you funded?** **A:** We are funded by a variety of methods, including grants, sponsorships, and donations. Fundraising is also another way we raise funds.

**Q: Was there a previous teen program in Evanston?** **A:** There used to be a program called The You! that started around 2000 and closed its doors in 2013.

**Q: When did the Evanston Youth Club start?** **A:** The Evanston Youth Club for Boys and Girls opened in the fall of 2013, as a collaboration between interested community partners.

**Q: Are you part of the national Boys and Girls Clubs of America?** **A:** No, when we first started in 2013 we were becoming a chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of America; however, the National organization felt our community was too small to be able to support a Boys & Girls Club. We received some great foundational support from Boys & Girls Clubs of America but we are not affiliated with them.

**Q: Do you have two locations?** **A:** When we started in 2013 we were located in the City's building at 419 4th Street, which we quickly outgrew. In 2017 we opened our 6th street location, "The Dana" with a full size gym and additional classrooms and offices. For the past four years we have used both locations, but after much deliberation, we made the sad decision to leave 4th street for the betterment of the program. We have been without a kitchen and needed space since September 2021, but we hope to be in our new building soon.

**Q: What are you building?** **A:** "The Dana's" new Education Annex will provide us with space for more programs and more youth. It will have a gathering area with tables and chairs, two classrooms, and a large culinary kitchen.

**Q: Are you part of any other organizations?** **A:** We work hard to form partnerships and collaborations with other valuable organizations, but the Evanston Youth Club is its own organization.

**Q: What is Annual Dinner?** **A:** Annual Dinner happens every May as our premier event to recognize our youth. It is a fundraising event and a chance for our youth to preform and show all that we have been working on throughout the school year. We also award our Youth of the Year, that goes to someone that is working hard to reach their full potential.

**Q: How many youth utilize the club each year?** **A:** Over 300 youth walk through the youth club doors each year.

**Q: What is Casino Night?** **A:** Casino Night is one of our biggest fundraising events. It is held every Fall and is a great time! For adults 21 and over they get dinner, a bar, and a chance to win great prizes. A professional company from Salt Lake provides blackjack, roulette, and texas hold 'em.







**Q: Are you open in the summer? A:** Yes, we run a full summer camp. Summer programs are fun, hands-on, and educational. Summer camp also includes a 3 day 2 night camping trip. Summer camp runs Monday-Friday from 12:30-5 and includes transportation to the club and home.



**Q: What is the club used for in the evenings and on the weekends? A:** Our building is used almost nightly for youth basketball, soccer, volleyball, and baseball teams to practice, play games, and host tournaments. We have recently started an open gym sports program with set times and coaching available for volleyball and basketball.



**Q: Is the Yellow Taco & Treats food truck part of the club? A:** Yes, our professionals in training (PIT) program worked for a year to plan and prepare to open a real business. In May of 2021 the Taco & Treats food truck opened for business and was open Fridays throughout the summer. They also had the opportunity to be an event vendor several times. In this youth-developed, youth-operated business, they shop, prepare, cook, serve, and handle the money. We love our taco truck!



**Q: Why do you have so many vehicles? A:** We have three 15 passenger vans and recently just got a new suburban, thanks to state funding, to pull the taco trailer and it has four wheel drive. We need lots of vehicles to safely transport lots of kids.

**Q: What is the Back to School Community Carnival? A:** This August will be our 3rd community carnival, it is an opportunity for school aged kids to get free school supplies, sports physicals, and haircuts to help them be successful in school.

## "THE DANA'S" EDUCATION ANNEX

We are excited to continue to see the progress of the education annex more space for more youth to do more things. Youth will learn life skills like cooking, job readiness, teamwork, finances, and much more.

Currently 90 percent of the project is funded but we are still in need for the last 10 percent. Due to the supply shortages and drastic increase in supplies everything has been taking longer and costing more. If the final funding is received and the weather continues to stay good, we are hoping for the project to be completed around mid April.

A huge thank you to our local contractor and subcontractors who have worked hard and donated labor and supplies to this project.

Join us for the Grand Opening and our Annual Dinner May 13th. Tickets are \$25 and available at [www.theclubofevanston.org](http://www.theclubofevanston.org)



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FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

## ANNUAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION DINNER & OPEN HOUSE

### Sponsor the event:

HERO Level \$500 - Includes 8 tickets & Sponsorship Recognition

FRIEND Level \$300 - Includes 4 tickets & Sponsorship Recognition



SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

## FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT AT PURPLE SAGE GOLF COURSE

### Sponsor the event:

EAGLE Sponsor \$1000 - Includes a 4-person team, Hole Sponsor, & Sponsorship Recognition

BIRDIE Sponsor \$500 - Includes a 4-person team & Sponsorship Recognition

PAR Sponsor \$250 - Includes Sponsorship Recognition

\*Individual Teams also Available



TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

## 3RD ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

### Sponsor the event:

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FRIEND Level \$300 - Includes Sponsorship Recognition



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

## CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISING EVENT

### Sponsor the event:

HERO Level \$500 - Includes 8 tickets & Sponsorship Recognition

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